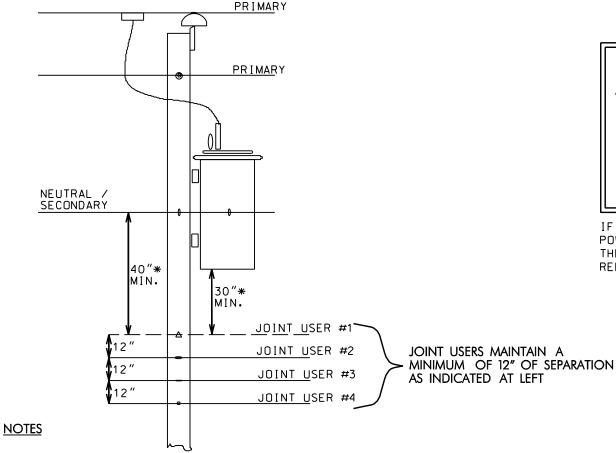
# MINIMUM UTILITY CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS



NCDOT MINIMUM ATTACHMENT CLEARANCES FROM OTHER JOINT USERS AT THE POLE

<u>CLEARANCE FROM</u>	MIN. DISTANCE
NEUTRAL / SECONDARY POWER SERVICE DROP POWER SERVICE DRIP LOT TOP OF POWER RISER BOTTOM OF TRANSFORMER GUY ATTACHMENT	40" 40"

IF THE POWER SERVICE DRIP LOOP SUPPLIES
POWER TO AN <u>EFFECTIVELY GROUNDED</u> STREETLIGHT
THE MINIMUM CLEARANCE REQUIREMENT IS
REDUCED TO 12"

THE ATTACHMENT POINT FOR JOINT USER #1 MUST MAINTAIN A MINIMUM OF 40" BELOW POWER AND/OR A MINIMUM OF 30" BELOW BOTTOM OF TRANSFORMER (WHICHEVER IS GREATER)

"JOINT USER" REFERS TO THE POWER COMPANY CATV COMPANIES, NCDOT, PHONE COMPANY, CITIES, AND OTHERS

### **NESC** Clearance Requirements – Utilities

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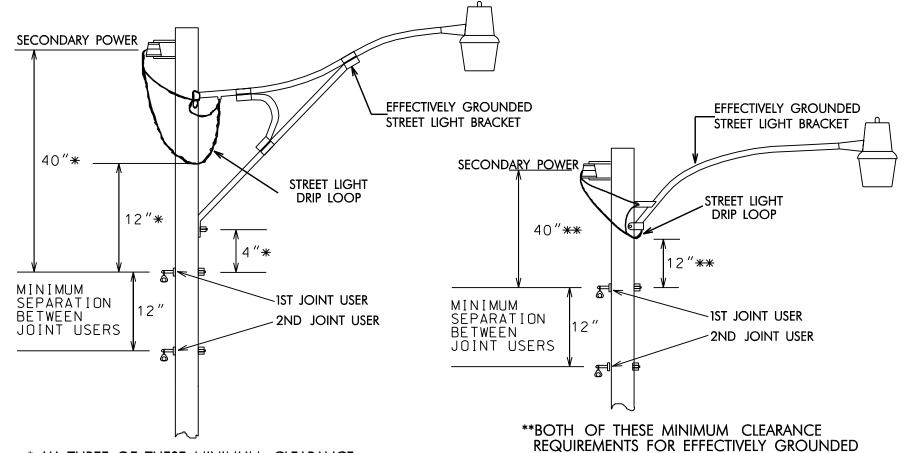
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#### STREET LIGHT CLEARANCES



\* ALL THREE OF THESE MINIMUM CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR EFFECTIVELY GROUNDED STREET LIGHTS MUST BE MET

"JOINT USER" REFERS TO THE POWER COMPANY CATV COMPANIES, NCDOT, PHONE COMPANY, CITIES, AND OTHERS

IF THE STREET LIGHT /STREET LIGHT BRACKET IS NOT EFFECTIVELY GROUNDED, THEN THE MINIMUM CLEARANCE REQUIREMENT IS INCREASED TO 40" BELOW DRIP LOOP

STREET LIGHTS MUST BE MET

### NESC Clearance Requirements – Streetlights

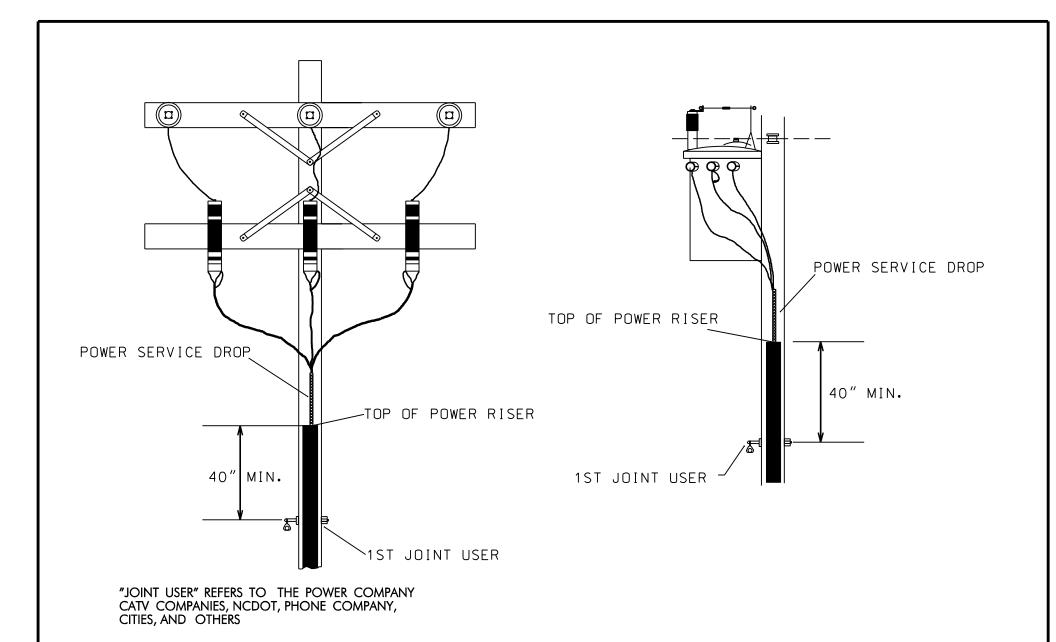
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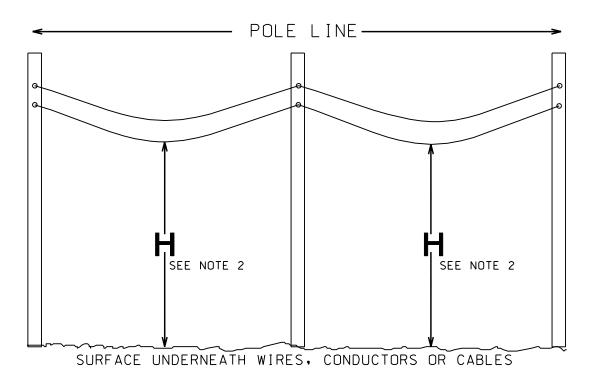


TABLE 1

NATURE OF SURFACE	MINIMUM
UNDERNEATH WIRES.	CLEARANCE
CONDUCTORS OR CABLES	(H)*
TRACK RAILS OF RAILROADS     EXCEPT ELECTRIFIED RAILROADS     USING OVERHEAD TROLLEY CONDUCTORS	30 FT
2. ROADS. STREETS AND OTHER AREAS SUBJECT TO TRUCK TRAFFIC	18 FT
3. DRIVEWAYS, PARKING LOTS, AND ALLEYS	18 FT
4. OTHER LAND TRAVERSED BY VEHICLES SUCH AS CULTIVATED, GRAZING, FOREST ORCHARDS, ETC.	18 FT
5. SPACES AND TRAVEL WAYS SUBJECT TO PEDESTRIAN OR RESTRICTED TRAFFIC ONLY	15.5 FT

\* THESE VALUES HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY NCDOT (AS WELL AS VARIOUS UTILITY COMPANIES) AND EXCEED THE SPECIFICATIONS AS SET FORTH IN THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY CODE (NESC).

#### NOTES:

- 1. SEE TABLE 1 FOR ACCEPTABLE MINIMUM CLEARANCE VALUES (H) OVER VARYING SURFACES
- 2. "H" IS DEFINED AS THE VERTICAL DISTANCE (HEIGHT) AS MEASURED FROM THE LOWEST POINT (TYPICALLY MIDSPAN) OF THE WIRES, CONDUCTORS OR CABLES TO THE SURFACE BELOW
- 3. SAG BETWEEN POLES SHOULD MATCH THE SAG OF EXISTING UTILITY LINES

## NESC Clearance Requirements – Height Over Grade

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